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PETITION UNDER (37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)) WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE—ISSUE FEE PAID

Sir:

Applicant petitions that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue. The issue fee was paid on November 3, 2003. Applicant seeks withdrawal from issue of this application so that a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with § 1.114, may be considered, as well as an Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement. This paper is being filed concurrently with the RCE Transmittal, the IDS, and the Amendment. The Amendment filed concurrently herewith includes an identification of related application Serial No. 10/051,727. The undersigned seeks withdrawal from issue so that said co-pending application and references cited by the Examiner therein may be considered in the instant application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$130 petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (h) to Deposit Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 (h) which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

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Respectfully submitted,

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